



Tennessee Regulatory Authority

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TRA Issues Report on Tennessee's Wireless Coverage

Nashville, Tennessee – The Tennessee Regulatory Authority (TRA) today released a report that examines the state's wireless communications landscape. The report is in response to Senate Joint Resolution 134 (SJR 134) put forth by the Tennessee General Assembly.

Titled "*The Availability of Wireless Telecommunications Services in Tennessee*" the report analyzes the extent to which wireless telecommunications services are accessible in the state's rural and sparsely populated areas.

Among the issues identified in the report are the costs of building additional cellular towers to effectively broaden the reach of wireless service, and the possibility of enlisting government involvement to erect additional towers.

Overall, the report says wireless accessibility across Tennessee is very good. It concludes that a majority of the state's population and geographic areas have sufficient access to wireless telecommunications services and that the state's large urban areas and Interstate highway corridors have more than adequate wireless coverage.

The report also states that nearly every county in Tennessee, with the exception of two, has made the investment decision to build a wireless tower in its community. Meigs and Hancock are the only two Tennessee counties without a single cellular tower.

For more information on this topic, or to obtain a copy of the full report, visit the TRA online at www.state.tn.us/tra/trareports.htm.

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